

DELAWARE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

The Townsend Building
401 Federal Street, Suite 2
Dover, Delaware 19901

Meeting Minutes

Department of Education
Cabinet Room
Dover, DE 19904
May 4, 2017
5:00 P.M.

Members Present: Diane Albanese, Gerald Allen, Amber Augustus, Stephanie DeWitt, Darren Guido, Rosaria Macera, Byron Murphy, Darlene O'Neill, Mary Pinkston, and Sue Smith.

Members Absent: Jennifer Burton, Nelia Dolan, David Kohan, and Stephanie Smith

Others Present: Chris Kenton, PSB Executive Director; Laura Makransky, Deputy Attorney General, representing the PSB; Rick Lane, PSB Administrative Assistant; Chip Simpson, DOE; Siobhan Sullivan, DOE; Susan Haberstroh, DOE; Donna Johnson, SBE; Valerie Dunkle, Deputy Attorney General, representing the DOE; Deb Stevens, DSEA; Lisa Hedrick, ETS

I. Opening

- A. **Call to Order:** Byron Murphy called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.
- B. **Roll Call**
Rick Lane conducted roll call for the meeting with 10 members present (Albanese, Allen, Augustus, DeWitt, Guido, Macera, Murphy, O'Neill, Pinkston, and Sue Smith).
- C. **Approval of Agenda**
A motion was made by Darlene O'Neill and seconded by Amber Augustus to approve the May 4, 2017 agenda as amended. *The motion carried* (10 Yes to 0 No's – Albanese, Allen, Augustus, DeWitt, Guido, Macera, Murphy, O'Neill, Pinkston, and Sue Smith).
- D. **Approval of Minutes for April 6, 2017**
Due to insufficient members in attendance for a vote and approval, the minutes for the April 6, 2017 meeting were not approved.

II. Public Comment

None

III. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Kenton reported that he:

Presented to the State Board of Education

- Regulation 1507 – Alternative Routes to Teacher Licensure and Certification Program (Publication)
- Regulation 1510 – Issuance of Provisional and Initial Licenses (Publication)
- Regulation 1512 Issuance and Renewal of Advanced License (Approved for Final Order)
- Met with Laura Makransky and the Department of Education to discuss Regulation 1502
- Held a meeting at the Sussex Consortium to gather more evidence from them regarding their Autism Professional Development
- Met with several members of the Department and Dr. Vivian Bush from Cape Henlopen to finalize approval for their professional development in lieu of coursework
- Attended a meeting regarding proposed HB 143 which would eliminate the performance assessment
- Worked with Shannon Holston in reviewing applications for the Ed Prep Partnership Grants
- Attended several meetings with Angeline Rivello to discuss PSB regulations as well as proposed legislation
- Met with Byron Murphy to go over the May agenda.

Also, the following committee meeting were held:

- Professional Development and Associated Compensation Committee met on 4/11
- Licensure and Certification Criteria Committee was scheduled to meet on 4/12, but the meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum

IV. **Presentation**

Delaware Teacher of the Year Wendy Turner gave a brief presentation on her experiences and goals.

V. **Action Items**

A. License Revocation Decision PSB File No. 2016-04

A motion to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing the content of documents excluded from the definition of “public record” was made by Darren Guido and seconded by Gerald Allen. ***The motion carried*** (10 Yes to 0 No’s – Albanese, Allen, Augustus, DeWitt, Guido, Macera, Murphy, O’Neill, Pinkston, and Sue Smith).

The Board entered Executive Session and the meeting was closed to the public. Petitioner, DAG Dunkle, and Mr. Simpson remained in the room during the board’s deliberations.

A motion to return to open session was made by Darren Guido and seconded by Sue Smith. ***The motion carried*** (10 Yes to 0 No’s – Albanese, Allen, Augustus, DeWitt, Guido, Macera, Murphy, O’Neill, Pinkston, and Sue Smith).

A motion to adopt the decision of the hearing officer’s recommended findings of fact and two conclusions of law but not the discipline; the discipline would be a two year suspension of license; regarding PSB File No. 2016-04 was made by Darren Guido and seconded by Darlene O’Neill. ***The motion carried*** (10 Yes to 0 No’s – Albanese, Allen, Augustus, DeWitt, Guido, Macera, Murphy, O’Neill, Pinkston, and Sue Smith).

B. 1502 Graduate Level Salary Increments

The Board received a request from the Department of Education that the matter be removed from the agenda so that the Department could have sufficient time to finalize its’ presentation to the

Board about the action that is being considered., Chris Kenton advised that the Board table Regulation 1502 to allow time for Department review.

A motion to table the regulation until the June meeting was made by Diane Albanese and seconded by Amber Augustus. ***The motion carried*** (10 Yes to 0 No's – Albanese, Allen, Augustus, DeWitt, Guido, Macera, Murphy, O'Neill, Pinkston, and Sue Smith).

VI. Discussion Items

A. 1553 Driver Education and Traffic Safety Education Teacher

Chris Kenton advised that Regulation 1553 Driver Education and Traffic Safety Education Teacher was being presented to the LCCC at their May meeting with two minor changes; one concerning the addition of Provisional License and the other regarding a suggested addition to the 'optional' courses listed in the regulation.

VII. PSB Standing Committees

A. Licensure & Certification Criteria Committee

- Chris Kenton provided the Board with an update. The next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the Cabinet Room at the Townsend Building.

B. Professional Development and Associated Compensation Criteria Committee

- Chris Kenton provided the Board with an update. The next meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the Cabinet Room at the Townsend Building.

VIII. Other

A. Personnel Matters Regarding Hearing Officers

A motion to table the discussion regarding a potential hearing officer was made by Sue Smith and seconded by Darren Guido. ***The motion carried*** (10 Yes to 0 No's – Albanese, Allen, Augustus, DeWitt, Guido, Macera, Murphy, O'Neill, Pinkston, and Sue Smith).

B. License Disciplinary Action Update – PSB File No. 2017-01

Information pertaining to an upcoming License Disciplinary Action will be presented at the June PSB meeting.

C. Professional Standards Board Meeting Schedule 2017-2018

Chris Kenton presented the proposed 2017-2018 PSB Meeting Schedule with one amendment that would have to be made to accommodate State and District holiday schedules. The calendar will be discussed and approved at the June PSB meeting.

IX. Public Comment

None

X. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Sue Smith and seconded by Darren Guido. ***The motion carried*** (10 Yes to 0 No's – Albanese, Allen, Augustus, DeWitt, Guido, Macera, Murphy, O'Neill, Pinkston, and Sue Smith). The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.